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SUBJ: TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO SRI LANKA

REF: STATE 75053; STATE 75912

1. GSL, ALSO TIED UP WITH IPU, HAS NOT COMPLETED
ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFICIAL PART OF SECRETARY'S
PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE:

APRIL 21

9:15 AM ARRIVE BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIOAL AIRPORT (BIA)

9:30 AM DEPART BIA

10:20 AM ARRIVE HOTEL CEYLON INTERCONTINENTAL, COLOMBO

10:50 AM DEPART HOTEL CEYLON INTERCONTINENTAL

11:00 AM MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE

12:00 NOON POSSIBLE MEETING WITH OTHER SENIOR GSL OFFICIAL,
FOR EXAMPLE BERNARD SOYSA, WHO WILL BE ACTING FINANCE
MINISTER

1:00 PM LUNCH GIVEN BY GSL

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3:00 PM END OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

2. OPTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING OFFICIAL PROGRAM:

A. REMAIN COLOMBO VERNIGHT. SHOP, SWIM IN INTER-CONTINENTAL POOL OR IN OCEAN AT MT LAVINIA HOTEL (25 MINUTES' DRIVE FROM INTER-CONTINENTAL), DRIVE AROUND COLOMBO. DEPART HOTEL AT 7:00 OR 8:00 AM APRIL 22, DRIVE NORTH ALONG SHORE ROAD TO NEGOMBO. ONE HOUR DIRECT, LONGER IF STOPS MADE ALONG WAY. SWIM AT BROWN'S BEACH HOTEL, NEGOMBO. DEPART BROWN'S BEACH FOR AIRPORT AT 11:40 AM FOR 12:00 NOON TAKE-OFF.

B. DRIVE TO NEGOMBO IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH, REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT BROWN'S BEACH HOTEL, LEAVE FOR AIRPORT AT 11:40 AM APRIL 22.

C. LEAVE COLOMBO AT 3:15 PM APRIL 21 FOLLOWING GSL LUNCH AND DRIVE 1-1/2 HOURS SOUTH ALONG COAST TO BENTOTA. REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT BENTOTA BEACH OR NEPTUNE HOTEL. SWIM IN HOTEL POOL OR IN OCEAN IF CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT (MOONSOON MAKES SEA-BATHING ON SOUTHERN COAST DANGEROUS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR). DEPART BENTOTA AT 9:30 A.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 22, FOR DRIVE NORTH ALONG COAST TO BIA FOR NOON TAKE-OFF.

D. LEAVE FOR ANCIENT CAPITAL OF KANDY AT 3:15 P.M. AFTER GSL LUNCH. ARRIVE KANDY AT 6:00 P.M. REMAIN OVERNIGHT. TOUR KANDY, VISIT TEMPLE OF SACRED TOOTH RELIC AND ELEPHANT BATHS, AND SHOP. DEPART KANDY AT 9:00 A.M. APRIL 22, RETURNING TO BIA BY WAY OF ATTANGALLE (PRIME MINISTER'S ELECTORATE).

E. VISIT TO NUWARA ELIYA IN HIGH TEA COUNTRY COULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN IN TIME AVAILABLE IF TRIP WERE MADE BY HELICOPTER. NUWARA ELIYA HAS EXCELLENT SCENERY AND OUTSTANDING GOLF COURSE.

3. SRI LANKA AIR FORCE FLIES HELICOPTERS ON TOURIST CHARTER. THEY COULD LEAVE FROM INTER-CONTINENTAL PAD AND RETURN THERE OR AT BIA. FOUR PASSENGERS PER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HELICOPTER AND HAND BAGGAGE ONLY. TIMES AND COSTS PER HELICOPTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. BENTOTA: 45 MINUTES; \$300 ROUND-TRIP WITH OVERNIGHT STAY; \$250 ONE WAY.

B. KANDY: 1-1/2 HOURS; \$330 ROUND-TRIP WITH OVERNIGHT STAY; \$280 ONE WAY. ON KANDY TRIP THEY COULD ALSO LAND AT HUNAS FALLS HOTEL, HIGH IN CENTER OF TEA ESTATE NEAR KANDY.

C. NUWARA ELIYA: DIRECT ROUND-TRIP OVER-
NIBHT \$330; RETURNING VIA KANDY \$380; 1-1/2 HOURS
ONE-WAY DIRECT, 2 HOURS BY WAY OF KANDY.
IN CONSIDERING HELICOPTER OPTION, ACCOUNT MUST
BE TAKEN OF LATE AFTERNOON RAINS IF TAKE-OFF AFTER
GSL LUNCH IS DELAYED AND LOGISTICS ON BAGGAGE
HANDLING.

4. THERE ARE NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED AIR-CONDITIONED
TRAINS TO BENTOTA IN APRIL, AND REGULAR TRAINS TO
KANDY DO NOT FIT TIME AVAILABLE DURING VISIT. WE
ARE, HOWEVER, EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING
SPECIAL TRAIN, WHICH IN ANY CASE WOULD BE COSTLY.

5. WE SHALL COMMUNICATE DETAILS OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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